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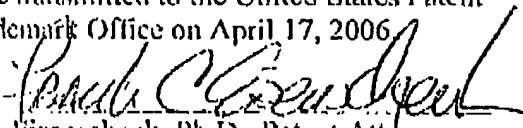
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ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121 AND
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Sir:

In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated March 15, 2006 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I (claims 1, 3-21, 23-31, and 41-46). Applicants further elect the nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO: 43, which encodes the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 3903.

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request that the subject application be amended as follows:

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